

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary just days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest.

Sinclair is abusing its market power by forcing its management's political opinions on television viewers without providing comparable coverage of alternative political convictions.

When large companies control the airwaves, we get coverage that supports sectarian political interests and corporate financial returns by broadcasting unbalanced information and partisan perspectives.

Our democracy and society suffer because of that.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Please register this message deploring Sinclair's bullying activities and narrow-minded political biases, and note my support for restricting owners' media opportunism and political activity.

Thank you. Marcia Jenkins, Oct 14, 2004